

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to state that it is another end (of the contacts) that form a connecting portion positioned behind said fitting part, thereby obviating the rejection to claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The claim has also been amended to clarify that the contact retaining portions (plural) are within a thick, vertically extending wall. The contact retaining portions identified by reference 16 on Page 10, line 11 and shown in Figure 2 which clearly illustrates that they are formed in a vertically extending wall which is thick relative to the other walls. It is well established that the drawing forms part of the disclosure of the application and that all subject matter shown in the drawing can be incorporated into the specification. Furthermore, as stated on Page 608.02, (k) (3) of the MPEP (attached), "Elements of the same view must be in proportion to each other...." creating a presumption that the relative sizes of different parts of the same figure are correct. Therefore, the statement in the claim "...the housing having contact-retaining portions within a thick, vertically extending wall.." clearly cannot be deemed to constitute new matter. A corresponding statement has therefore been inserted in the specification simply as a formality.

It is the position of the undersigned that the claims should have been examined with such limitation. The final status of the action is objected to as resulting from piecemeal examination.

Concerning the rejection under 35 USC 103 over Kiat, it is pointed out that the reference clearly does not disclose or suggest the claimed element of the step being formed on a bottom of the wall vertically aligned below the contact-retaining portions. The step 22 is not located in vertical alignment with the contact-retaining portions but displaced therefrom to the right.

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Favorable reconsideration of the Application is requested.

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